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# \$6.5 million in fees

# Parking meter firm's take from renegotiated deal exceeds city's projection

#### Chicago Tribune

City Hall paid \$6.5 million during the past year to the company that's leasing Chicago's parking meters—about \$500,000 more than Mayor Emanuel's administration predicted when it renegotiated the deal.

Although there was a higher tab to reimburse Chicago Parking Meters for spaces taken out of service, there was some good news as well. The city could end up paying millions of dollars less each year for free parking provided to disabled people, thanks to a new state law that limits free parking to those who are physically unable to use pay boxes.

That's the upshot of a Tribune review of the most recent reports and data related to the unpopular lease of about 36,000 metered parking spots to the Chicago Parking Meters company. The original deal struck in late 2008 under then-Mayor Richard M. Daley saw the city get \$1.1 billion upfront in return for a 75-year lease of Chicago's paid street parking system. Nearly all of the one-time windfall was spent by the time Daley handed over the reins to Emanuel. Mean-

while, the contract required the city to drastically raise rates on behalf of the company.

The documents, obtained through an open records request, and interviews of city officials also indicate that Emanuel's swap of free Sunday neighborhood parking for longer payment hours at most meters could reduce overall costs to city parkers. And the Tribune review showed the city is recovering more of its costs for out-of-service meters from construction and utility companies whose work temporarily puts them off line.

Chicago Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton said the results show that Emanuel's revised contract, which aimed to make a bad deal less onerous while also providing the perks of free Sundays and an option to pay by cellphone, looks like it will be a success over the long haul.

The generous terms negotiated under Daley saw the city paying back the company for removal of meters, changes of hours or rates, and spaces temporarily taken offline for street repairs, utility work and festivals.

Around the time Daley left office, the company started sending invoices to the city, with one year's tab hitting \$53 million. The Emanuel administration disputed the bill, the matter went to arbitration and eventually the contract was renegotiated.

Patton, the city's top lawyer, contends that

without the tweaks made to the contract, the city would have ended up paying tens of millions of dollars more than the \$6.5 million it shelled out during the past year for meter system changes. And those higher payments could have been due in each of the 70 remaining years of the lease—which Patton valued at more than \$1 billion to the city, using the current value of a dollar.

"We got out of this huge liability, and we are reaping the benefits, and we will be every year," said Patton, referring to the contract changes the City Council approved in June 2013. But Patton also conceded that the best the city could do was soften the blow.

"We couldn't start from scratch," Patton said.
"We inherited a contract. We took the existing contract and turned it into something much better for the city and the taxpayers."

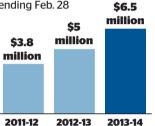
What's still totally unknown under the new deal is how the parking meter company will fare with a pay-by-phone system that was fully in place for the first time last Saturday. The revised contract allows the company to profit by up to \$2 million a year from transaction fees and interest on pay-by-phone accounts. The city would get any pay-by-cell profits above \$2 million, a bit of a silver lining for taxpayers resentful that the money they pay to park no longer goes into city coffers.

#### Fees paid by city

The city paid more to the company leasing Chicago's parking meters in the fiscal year ending Feb. 28 for changes to the meter system, including meters temporarily offline for street repair, utility work and festivals. The contract between the city and Chicago Parking Meters was revised a year ago in an effort to reduce future payments that city officials say would have been higher.

#### FEES PAID FOR OUT-OF-SERVICE METERS

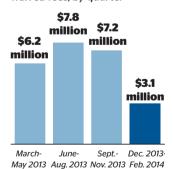
By fiscal year ending Feb. 28



#### FEES PAID FOR EXCESS FREE DISABLED PARKING

The city also is required to pay fees for free disabled parking that exceeds 6 percent of all parking. A new state law that took effect Jan. 1 limits free parking to those who are physically unable to use pay boxes, which has cut back on practice.

Last fiscal year's total waived fees, by quarter



Final yearly amount paid after 6 percent allowance and adjustements

 2011-12
 \$21.4 million

 2012-13
 \$21.5 million

 2013-14
 \$18.5 million

SOURCE: City of Chicago

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### Hobby Lobby just opened up a new can of worms

This ruling

to a world in

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around insurance man-

laws, child labor laws and

dates, minimum wage

even the tax code.

opens the door



Marie Molloy

On Monday, the Supreme Court ruled that some companies have the right to subvert a federal law in order to remain consistent with their religious beliefs. In this case, it was Hobby Lobby's religious belief that birth control is immoral, which the court's ruling says allows Hobby Lobby to refuse to pay for certain forms of

contraception through employee insurance.

There's a certain irony involved when a group of individuals interested in reducing the number of unintended pregnancies oppose making widely available one of the most

effective methods of preventing unintended pregnancies. Those celebrating the Supreme Court's recent Hobby Lobby decision do understand that this will lead to more abortions or, at the very least, more young mothers "looking for a government handouts," don't they?

I digress.

How did we get here? How did we get to the point where a business—one that

sells yarn, construction paper and glitter, no less - has its own religious views? Well, the answer to that is simple: 2010's Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission decision that declared-to the dismay and disbelief of many-that corporations are people. And people, as we know, have the freedom to practice whatever religion they see fit.

And who knows? Maybe the owners of Hobby Lobby really do find birth controlwhich virtually all women ages 15-44 who have had sexual intercourse have used-to be abhorrent and so against their own religious beliefs that they need to actively try to stop

their employees from using it. If that's the case, though, why did their employee insurance policies cover various forms of contraceptives from the company's inception in 1972 until nearly immediately prior to filing suit in 2012? Odd. isn't it?

Yet Hobby Lobby finds itself the victor of a Supreme Court challenge this week, and the consequences will be far-reaching.

How long will it be before we begin seeing excuses like, "I am the CEO of a large financial services company, and my religion says that pornography and alcohol are vices that must be avoided. Therefore, I have chosen to simply not pay my employees at all-or to pay them in the form of coupons for items approved by my personal religion - as really, by the transitive property, any money I pay through payroll was mine at a time, and I have a deeply held religious belief against pornography and alcohol,

> which they very well may purchase should I pay them."

The examples could go on, and the situations could become more absurd. While generally, "slippery slope" arguments tend to be slightly nonsensical, the step from Citizens United to Hobby Lobby leads me to believe that we should be very afraid of the precedents being set.

This ruling opens the door to a world in

which companies can cite religious beliefs to create loopholes to get around insurance mandates, minimum wage laws, child labor laws and even the tax code. While you may "stand with Hobby Lobby" now, you may not like the can of worms they've opened up.

"The Court, I fear, has ventured into a minefield," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote in her dissent. I'm inclined to agree.

PARKER MARIE MOLLOYIS A MEDIA ACTIVIST AND REDEVE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR, PARKER'S WORK HAS APPEARED IN PUBLICATIONS RANGING FROM ROLLING STONE TO THE NEW YORK TIMES TO THE ADVOCATE MAGAZINE.



You know the drill by now-if you're not following these Tumbirs already. you should be. Have a suggestion for a Tumbir to feature? Send a tweet to @jessicagalliart. JESSICA GALLIART, REDEVE SOCIAL MEDIA LADV



#### Chicago Dudes with Dogs

chicagodudeswithdogs.tumblr.com Major full disclosure alert: I started and run this Tumblr. What can I say? I was bored. Photos of Chicago guys

with dogs-theirs or other people's-

with info on their relationship status and location. Maybe this will turn into a Chicago Dudes with Dogs singles party someday?

(Submit a dude! Do it on the Tumble, or tag @jessicagalliart on Instagram or



Sad Footballers sadfootballers.tumblr.com "The World Cup: making grown men cry since 1930."

Craigslist Chicago

freeoncraigslistchicago.tumblr.com This hasn't been updated in a while. but it should be! A few gems:

- \*Free bag of food. Lots of peanut butter."
- A bottle of school glue: "I am more of a stick glue person."
- Free bees on the roof of someone's building, "if you can get them ... I heard that one can get them by using a bee-aueen."

















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A woman reacts after seeing a body at the scene where a man was shot and killed early Wednesday. Three men also were wounded in separate shootings Wednesday afternoon in Austin, Humboldt Park and Washington Heights. ANTHONYSOUFFLE/TRIBUNE

# Holiday CTA service added

#### Agency will ramp up trains and buses for fireworks, concerts

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

The CTA is adding extra service to events around the city this holiday weekend in anticipation of more riders, some of whom will be navigating the system for the first time since the CTA completed its transition to Ventra on Tuesday.

The CTA is adding service for the Fourth of July fireworks display at Navy Pier, the Dave Matthews Band concerts at Northerly Island and the Cruz Azul vs. Pumas exhibition soccer match at Soldier Field.

Since extra crowds are expected for

these events, the CTA is recommending riders get their Ventra cards or load money on these cards before the weekend.

The CTA is no longer accepting disposable magnetic stripe cards. The agency is only accepting Ventra cards, certain personal bank cards, some phones and cash (on buses).

Also on the Fourth of July, the CTA will require riders to fold up strollers and refrain from bringing bikes onto the trains. Bikes still are allowed on buses.

The CTA doesn't have a stroller policy except that it encourages riders to fold strollers when buses become crowded. Bikes are not allowed on trains during rush hour and some holidays.

This Fourth of July, the CTA will provide

more frequent train service on the Red, Blue, Brown and Orange lines beginning in the early evening. On Friday and Saturday, longer trains will operate on the Red, Blue, Green, Pink, Orange and Brown lines, beginning in the early evening through at least midnight.

Also, the CTA will increase bus service on routes serving Navy Pier, downtown Loop and lakefront areas.

Extra service will be provided along the No. 130-Museum Campus and No. 146-Inner Drive/Michigan Express routes for the Dave Matthews Band concerts at Northerly Island on Friday and Saturday, and the Cruz Azul exhibition soccer match against the Pumas at Soldier Field at 2 p.m. Sunday. TRACYSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM | @TRACYSWARTZ

#### Rent prices are still climbing

#### **Chicago Tribune**

Average monthly apartment rents in Chicago are pushing \$1,100, and strong demand for rental units here and elsewhere is expected to keep them higher for a while.

Trpically, the construction of new apartments and moderating demand helps put downward pressure on rents, but the current environment is bucking the trend, according to Ryan Severino, a senior economist at Reis Inc., a real estate research firm.

"Although new supply is likely to exceed the level of demand, demand should nonetheless remain relatively strong given the large number of young, single potential renters," Severino wrote in the firm's quarterly report released Wednesday.

In the Chicago area, effective rents (which measure rents after concessions are removed) 105e almost 1 percent from the first quarter, to an average of \$1,098 in the second quarter, Reis said. That's an average, though, and many of the new buildings that have opened in downtown Chicago in recent months have rents starting at \$2,000 a month.

Compared with a year ago, Chicago-area rents rose 3.7 percent during the second quarter, and the apartment vacancy rate slipped o.i percent, to 3.5 percent.

#### EXPRESS LINES

- » Peoples Gas shouldn't receive a rate hike that would increase bills by 22 percent, Attorney General Lisa Madigan told regulators Wednesday, because the utility is run inefficiently and it overestimated the cost of a massive pipe-replacement project. Peoples Gas is seeking a rate hike of \$129 million that would increase the average residential bill by \$5 per month.
- » The two-fisted storm that pummeled the Chicago area this week has been classified as a rare double derecho: two waves of destructive winds that swept across a swath of the Midwest from central lowa
- » A former student at Epic Academy Charter High School on the South Side took the witness stand Wednesday to accuse Kevin Jones, a former varsity boys' basketball coach, of sexually assaulting her when she was underage.

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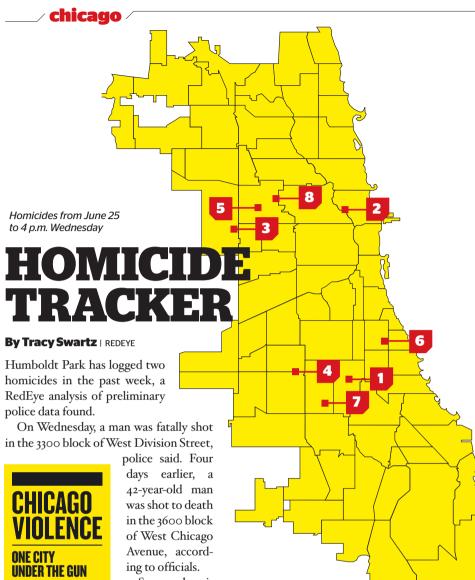
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Seven homicides have been logged so far this

year in Humboldt Park. The West Side community area recorded 14 homicides last year, down from 18 killings in 2012, RedEye determined.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were logged in the last week in Austin, Englewood, Grand Boulevard, West Englewood and West Town, according to police information.

Meanwhile, a 28-year-old man was stabbed to death Friday in the 6000 block of South Sacramento Avenue in Chicago Lawn, police said.

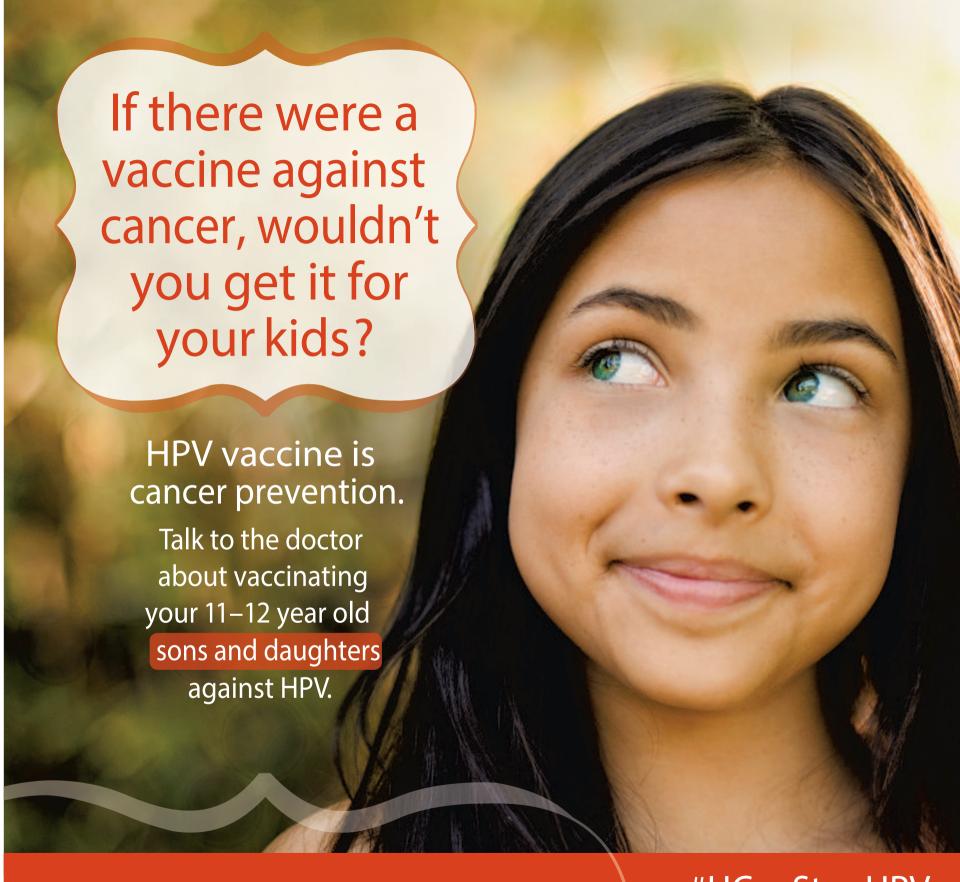
June ended this week with 35 homicides, down from 44 killings in June 2013, according to RedEye data.

Two homicides have been logged so far this month. Fifty-eight homicides were recorded in July 2013, RedEye found.

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Check out RedEye's interactive homicide map at **redeyechicago.com/homicides**, which now includes information on every homicide in Chicago since Jan. 1, 2007.







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#### **U.S. discloses military** presence in Somalia

U.S. military advisors have secretly operated in Somalia since around 2007 and Washington plans to deepen its security assistance to help the country fend off threats by Islamist militant group al-Shabab, U.S. officials said.

The comments are the first detailed public acknowledgement of a U.S. military presence in Somalia dating back since the U.S. administration of George W. Bush and add to other signs of a deepening U.S. commitment to Somalia's government, which the Obama administration recognized last year.

The deployments, consisting of up to 120 troops on the ground, go beyond the Pentagon's January announcement that it had sent a handful of advisors in October. That was seen at the time as the first assignment of U.S. troops to Somalia since 1993, when two U.S. helicopters were shot down and 18 American troops killed in the "Black Hawk Down" disaster.

The plans to further expand U.S. military assistance coincide with increasing efforts by the Somali government and African Union peacekeepers to counter a bloody seven-year insurgent campaign by the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab to impose strict Islamic law inside Somalia.

Those U.S. plans include greater military engagement and new funds for training and assistance for the Somali National Army, after years of working with the African Union Mission in Somalia, or AMISOM, which has about 22,000 troops in the country from Uganda, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Burundi, Diibouti and Ethiopia.



#### **Protest**

Gabriel Garcia-Vera joins with others Wednesday at the Miami-Dade Courthouse in Miami to show their support of six LGBTO couples who are asking the state of Florida to recognize their marriage. **GETTY IMAGES** 

#### **Tropical Storm Arthur** threat grows on East Coast

Tropical Storm Arthur threatened to douse some July 4 holiday plans on the East Coast as officials in several states closed beaches and tourist sites and delayed fireworks shows in anticipation of heavy rain and fierce winds. The storm was close to reaching hurricane strength, forecasters said on Wednesday.

#### Manatee could be bumped from endangered list

The West Indian manatee could be downgraded from an endangered species to merely threatened as federal wildlife officials, under pressure from boating activists and libertarians, reconsider the status of Florida's popular "sea cow" even as conservationists note the animals suffered a record number of deaths in Florida last year.

#### **Poll: Obama worst** modern president

More voters are dissatisfied with the Obama administration's handling of everything from the economy to foreign policy, a Quinnipiac University poll said. In a survey of 1,446 registered voters, 33 percent said Obama was the worst president since WWII, while 28 percent said George W. Bush was the worst.







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r. The Bulls are in desperate need of a scorer, and Carmelo needs a coach like Thibodeau to improve his defense. Melo signing with the Bulls would solve both those problems with ease.



2. La La Anthony Melo's wife, can get acquainted with Chicago's version of Fifth Avenue and Rodeo Drive: Oak Street. Her shopping trysts with Ciara and Kim K. can continue in this great city, just without the crazy paparazzi.

#### Hey Melo, this should convince you to sign with the Bulls

On Tuesday, Carmelo Anthony received the red carpet treatment as he made his first stop on his free agency tour in Chicago. While I'm certain the Bulls organization, including the front office, coach Tom Thibodeau and certain key players, did a great job selling Chicago to Carmelo, I would like to put the icing on the cake with my top five reasons he should sign with the Bulls. Lela olds is a special contributor.



#### Stop saying the Bulls are cheap



F. Moore

Chicago fandom is known for creating false scenarios.

The Curse, Bear weather, Corey Crawford glove side and the "meteoric" rise of Josh McCown come to mind.

The most puzzling surrounds the Bulls and their allegedly tight purse strings.

I want to think our sports fans can use some of the passion they

No. 1 draft pick Jay Williams totaled his bike and his NBA career? What most fans conveniently forgot was Williams violated his contract by operating a motorcycle. The Bulls could have terminated his deal on the spot. The team came to an agreement with

Some do, but it seems many do not. Here are

They gave Jay Williams money when they

didn't have to: Remember when former

four reasons why the Bulls aren't cheap:

Williams on a \$3 million settlement along with getting their former point guard the best medical treatment available. Sounds like Jerry Reinsdorf and John Paxson went have and channel it into critical thinking skills. above what was required.

They paid Michael Jordan: Ever since the failed free agency coup of Tracy McGrady and Grant Hill, the Bulls have gotten a bad rap. Like most rumors, people will run with them until they become the truth in someone's eyes. Remember, the Bulls did give Michael Jordan \$30 million. Maybe it wasn't what he might have deserved over the totality of his career, but that amount of dough is nothing to sneeze at. Also, have you ever wondered why teams in Florida and Texas have an edge in free agency? The aforementioned states have no income tax. It seems like your beef isn't with Reinsdorf, but it might be with Illinois' General Assembly. Maybe the fans will get out

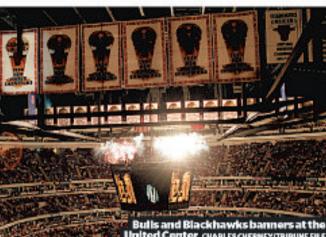
#### Reinsdorf takes care of former players:

Carmelo Anthony USATODAY SPORTS FILE

> Look closely at the Bulls and the Sox. Both teams employ former players, and Reinsdorf might be loyal to a fault. Scottie Pippen, John Paxson, Bill Wennington, Stacey King, Ozzie Guillen, Harold Baines, Robin Ventura, Jim Thome and Frank Thomas all have been or are currently with one of those organizations.

Derrick Rose's contract: Even though Rose hasn't played much recently, he still is the team's highest paid player. His current contract spawned the "Derrick Rose Rule"; you're crazy if you don't think Reinsdorf was all for rewarding him in the wake of all his achievements. EVANF. MOORE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.





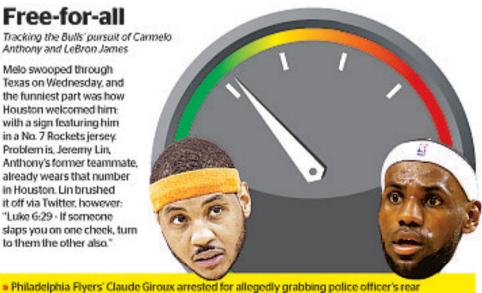
- 3. Melo would join an elite group of players who want to win just as much as he does. No longer would be play alongside teammates who seem to enjoy getting fined and benched. (Looking at you, J.R. Smith.) Bulls players are about teamwork and one ultimate goalwinning a championship.
- 4. Bulls fans treat every player like a superstar. Sure, Derrick Rose is our hometown hero. but Melo would never be overshadowed. We would welcome him with open arms, as was the case Tuesday.
- 5. Last but certainly not least, Chicago is just simply the best place to be. We may not have Jack Nicholson at every home game like the Lakers, but our fans trump any celebrity you will ever see courtside. Unlike in Houston or L.A., winter here is a beast, but we learn to live through it. And the United Center isn't considered historic like Madison Square Garden, but the banners at the top highlighting our reign in the 'gos will serve as motivation every night.

So, come on, Melo. Make the right decision. Come to our incredible city, join our talented team and let's go for No. 7. See what I did there?



Tracking the Bulls' pursuit of Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James

Melo swooped through Texas on Wednesday, and the funniest part was how Houston welcomed him: with a sign featuring him in a No. 7 Rockets jersey. Problem is, Jeremy Lin, Anthony's former teammate. already wears that number in Houston. Lin brushed it off via Twitter, however: "Luke 6:29 - If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also."





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#### FROWNY

Our panelists are a little burnmed since the U.S. lost to Belgium. Imagine how they'll feel if Melo chooses someone other than the Bulls.



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Mike Walton II @zermastermike True Star sports editor

ŀ	What's more heartbreaking than the way the U.S. bowed out of the World Cup?	So, so many things that can happen in the world. Also: "Friday Night Lights."	That the World Cup is still going on without us, humming like an annoying mosquito in the background.	That Chicago fans STILL act like they know soccer. With that said, way to step up and sup- port the red, white and blue!	Watching the Buils constantly get played in free agency.	Playing for the New York Knicks.
	No Chicago teams are in action Thursday. How will you spend the day?	Coming up with a way to wel- come Brad Richards to the Blackhawks.	The same thing I do every night, Pinky: try and take over the world!	Same way I do my other days off, #DayOrinking	#CantLose I'll drink to that.	Hounding Carmelo Anthony or social media. #NoShame
ŀ	Welcome Brad Richards to the Blackhawks.	HL	Hi, Brad! We hope to see your formidable red playoff beard this year.	Who the hell is Brad Richards?!	Brad, we've beaten the Kings before and next year is no dif- ferent. #TakehBack	Welcome to the Chicago Blackhawks. We don't play around with any of that thin crust mess.
ŀ	What is Carmeio Anthony's wife thinking throughout NBA free agency?	"Why was I in 'Think Like a Man Too? I did nothing, and that movie was terrible."	"These dinner table conversa- tions are getting really self- centered, Melo."	Wait, Carmelo has a wife? News to me.	"I'll let him have his fun, but we're going shop- ping when he gets back." AEmpireStateOfMind	"What's a pay cut?"
ļ	Jose Abreu just keeps smashing home runs. You impressed?	I don't care about the White Sox.	As someone who struggles to bat .200 in company softball, YES.	I was impressed with Abreu since opening day.	Yessssi Hell yesi #InnerHawk	Yes, but not as impressed as I am with Carmelo Anthony's scoring prowess.



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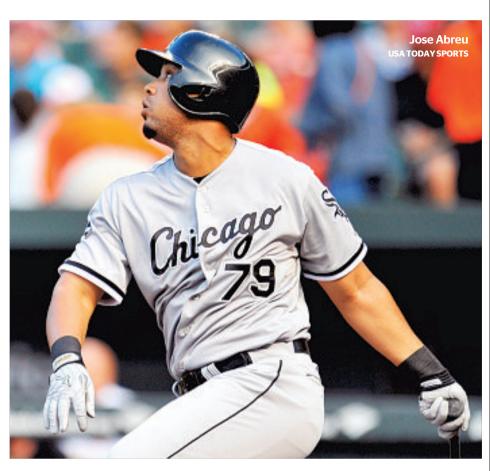
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#### Jose, Jose Jose Jose!

So what if the White Sox are having a rough year-Jose Abreu is swinging for history. The slugger on Wednesday was named American League Rookie of the Month for June. Abreu, 27, batted .313 with 10 home runs and 22 RBIs to become the first player in Sox history to win the award twice in one season (he also won it in April). He also is on pace to hit 50 home runs, which would break the MLB rookie record of 49.



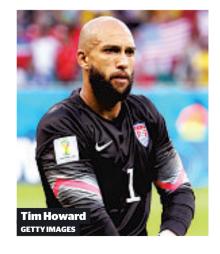
#### Fine, ignore the present

While you're waiting for the Cubs' Win the World Series Plan to bear fruit, Sports Illustrated is catching up with one of the team's legends. Ernie Banks, Mr. Cub, is on the cover of the magazine's annual "Where Are they Now?" edition.

#### **THE DIGIT**

# 16<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

That's the average age of the four international players the White Sox signed Wednesday: catcher Jhoandro Alfaro and infielders Felix Mercedes, Ricardo Mota and Amado Nunez. Mercedes is 17, and the other players are 16.



#### **Next: Howard** for president

Prepare yourselves for: "[Static] This is your captain speaking. We're preparing to land at Tim **Howard National** Airport. [Static]" An official White House petition was started Tuesday to rename the Ronald Reagan Washington **National Airport** after the U.S. soccer goalkeeper.

#### THE FINISH LINE





#### Wood & leather

A '70s cool girl staple, mixed-material sandals are classic, but their selling point is versatility. Penelope's manager and stylist Penny Gac said this on-trend style is one of the Wicker Park store's biggest sellers. "The natural wooden heel with the leather goes with everything: they're very classic and can be dressed up or down," Gac said. Choose a pair in a natural shade such as brown or beige with a manageable heel to get the most wear out of 'em.



#### Comfort and flatforms

There's a reason why everyone from the Olsen twins to Lucky magazine editor Eva Chen are sporting Birkenstocks this summer. "The comfort trend is having a big moment, you can see this in the Birkenstock look and in flatform sandals," said Lauren O'Neill, manager at Click Shoes & More in Lakeview. Similar in style to a slide or Birkenstock sandal, a flatform is a wide, flat sandal with chunky straps with a platform underneath the slide. They're a normcore, anti-fashion statement, O'Neill said, "Overall, this trend leans toward minimalism-neutral colors. simple lines." Though it's mostly ladies driving the comfort trend, guys can also get away with a classic Birkenstock. said Eliot Andre, general manager of

Lori's Shoes in Lincoln Park. "You can make it look good with skinny jeans and a patterned shirt; it's really how you wear it."

#### Upgraded flip-flops

Men's sandal options are considerably smaller than women's, but that's no excuse to default to cheap rubber flip-flops. Tarri Breeden, general manager at City Soles in Wicker Park, recommends a sturdy leather flip-flop. "A leather flip-flop for men is current (and) they last longer, plus the ones we carry have arch support," Breeden said. In general, the best practice for men is sticking with tried-and-true styles, such as leather thongs, slides or simple gladiators in classic colors such as caramel, cognac or dark

#### Open-toe shootie

A dressier option for women this year is the open-toe shootie, which is similar to a short boot, but is made in an array of fabrics, colors and styles. Stacked heels and leather detailing are especially popular at Lori's Shoes this season, Andre said. "I've seen people catch onto European-influenced shoes. They're new and interesting and you can wear that stacked heel and open construction so many ways and it's comfortable," he said. "Everyone loves boots, but with the open too, it's perfect for spring. summer and ever transitioning

PICTURED: WOMEN'S BANDERA CLOG BY RACHEL COMEY (\$300) AT PENELOPE'S (1913 W. DIVISION ST. 773-395-2351)

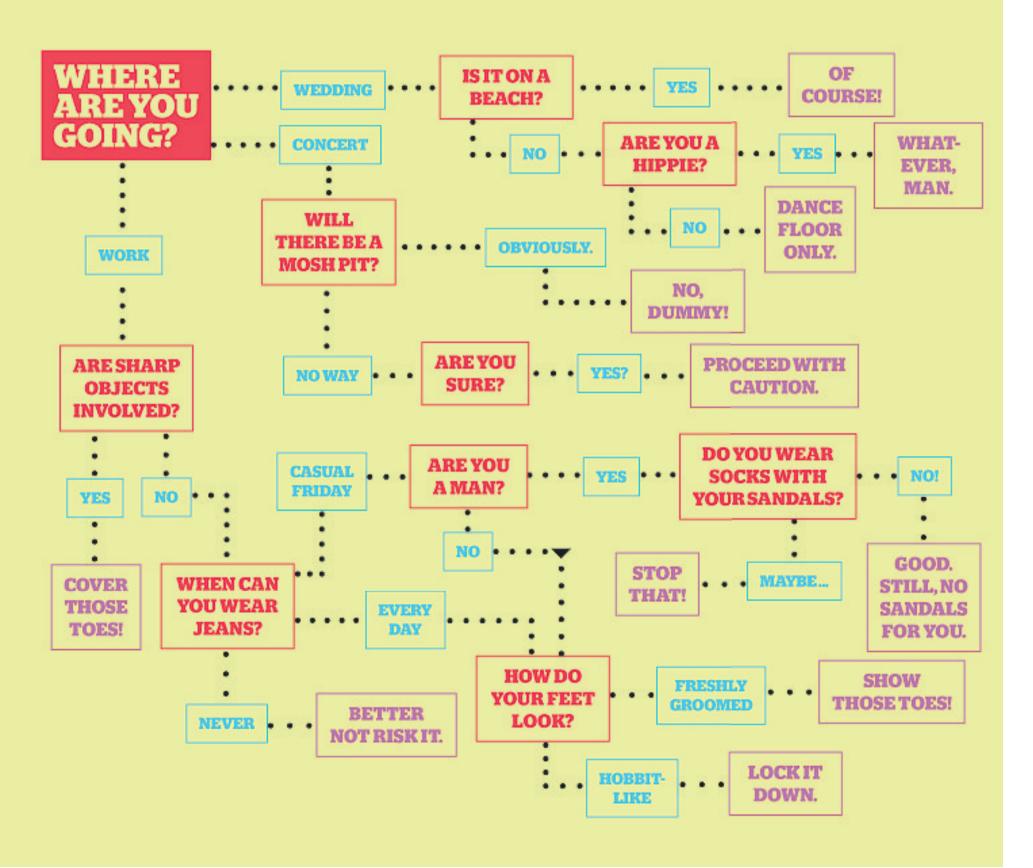
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# ...BUT CAN I WEAR SANDALS?

They may be summer's signature shoe, but there's also a little bit of etiquette that comes along with sporting your favorite pair of sandals. Since we'd like to afford you with numerous opportunities for airing out your toesies, we've created this flow chart for three different scenarios—work, a concert and a wedding—to help determine whether you should dare to go bare. DANAMORAN, REDEVIL







#### OBSESSED

3 GOODIES WE CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT



#### R+Co.'s Outer Space Flexible Hairspray

\$29 at randco.com

I'm stating this up front: I'm not a hairspray fan. But when my stylist finished off my cut with this spray from a new line called R+Co. (from a former Bumble & Bumble creative director), I was won over. The spray never quite hardens, instead offering flexible hold like a very light wax or pomade. I can restyle throughout the day while still keeping flyaways at bay with no crunchy helmet hair. Plus, the bottle is pretty enough to leave out on the sink. KATE BERNOT

#### Laroche-Posay Anthelios 50 Daily Anti-Aging Primer with Sunscreen

39.99 at Sephora

As a pale-skinned gal, I am in constant pursuit of the best face sunscreen for everyday wear. I've tried and chucked so many that are too greasy, too chalky or smell weird, but this stuff is a godsend. It has what the package describes as a "dry-gel texture," which was so odd I thought that it was dried up at first. It's nearly scentiess, perfectly matte and, in addition to providing broad-spectrum SPF 50 protection, it has a little anti-aging boost thanks to a dose of antioxidants, too. Worth every penny. USA ARMETT



#### Jamberry Professional Nail Lacquer

\$15 at Jamberrynalls.com

If you're like me, you often scoff at the notion of paying more than \$8 for a bottle of nail polish that you might regret or that will gum up almost immediately (even \$5 is a stretch sometimes), But sometimes, you really do get what you pay for. Jamberry's line of professional polish holds up its end of the bargain with incredible pigment that actually matches the swatch and has surprising staying power of at least a week (with proper base and top coat application). Try the Litec (a crearry Barbie pink) for a neutral look or Lemon Drop (sunshine in a bottle) if you like something that pops. JESSICA GALLLART



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**When:** 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday **Where:** Jackson Park, 6401 S. Stony Island Ave.

**How much:** \$20 general admission tickets; packages from \$125 at **chosenfewdjs.com**; GA tickets avail-

**chosenfewdjs.com**; GA tick able at the door

**Don't miss:** This popular annual gathering on the lakefront celebrates Chicago's long history as a house music incubator with non-stop DJ sets and musical guests. This year, Jocelyn Brown joins Chosen Few DJs Wayne Williams, Alan King and Tony Hatchett with special appearances from Pharris Thomas and DJ Lil' John.



#### **WINDY CITY RIBFEST**

**When:** Noon-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Sunday

Where: Lawrence Avenue and Broadway How much: \$5 suggested donation; \$40 food and drink packages available at windycity ribfest.com

Don't miss: It's all about the barbecue (and beer and music) at this three-day Uptown fest. Order a la carte quarter, half and full slabs for \$15-\$25 from vendors including Chicago BBQ Company, Famous Dave's, Porky Chicks BBQ and more—and don't forget sides like coleslaw and cornbread. Wash that down with offerings from local craft breweries such as Ale Syndicate, Local Option and others. A stage will host rock, pop and indie acts as well as cover bands.

Windy City Ribfest BRITTANY SOWACKE FILE PHOTO FOR REDEYE



#### TASTE OF LAKEVIEW

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday: noon-9 p.m. Sunday

Where: Lincoln and Belmont avenues How much: \$5 suggested donation Don't miss: Eat your way around an entire neighborhood in just a few hours with food for purchase from Jet's Pizza, Mrs. Murphy & Sons Irish Bistro, The Pony, Falafill, Temple Bar and others. Four of the city's bestknown cover bands—16 Candles (7 p.m. Sunday), Too White Crew (8 p.m. Saturday), Hairbangers Ball (7 p.m. Sunday) and Wedding Banned (8 p.m. Saturday)-headline across two stages.



### #GetFested

Each week, we challenge you to share your best fest pics with the hashtag #GetFested. Last weekend, we wanted to see your rainbow photos from Pride, and we love this shot from @derivativedoug. This weekend, show us a great performance—musician, dancer, whatever-from a fest and tag it #GetFested for a chance to appear in our pages.

#### **RIVERWEST MUSIC FESTIVAL**

When: 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday Where: 1111 N. Elston Ave. How much: Single-day tickets \$69.99; three-day passes \$169.99 available at riverwestmusicfestival.eventbrite.com **Don't miss:** Skipped Spring Awakening? Still mourning the loss of Wavefront? Fill the hole in your EDM-loving heart with this brand-new three-day fest dedicated to electronic music. Major acts spread across multiple stages include Adrian Lux (8:30 p.m. Friday). The Martinez Brothers (6 p.m.

Friday) and Loco Dice (8:30 p.m. Friday).



### **FESTIVAL OF LIFE**

When: 4-10 p.m. Thursday; noon-10 p.m. Friday-Sunday Where: Union Park, 1501 W. Randolph St. How much: Single-day tickets \$15-\$20; 4-day pass from \$55 with VIP options available; all tickets at martinsinterculture. com/ifol/ifol-tickets.html

Don't miss: This 22nd annual festival celebrating African-Caribbean cultures returns to Union Park for four days of music. dance, fashion, food and a 3-on-3 soccer tournament. Musician Tito Puente Jr. and his orchestra kick the weekend off (9 p.m. Thursday), while reggae band Third World (8:30 p.m. Friday), pop artist Kevin Lyttle (9 p.m. Saturday) and reggae artist Luciano (8:30 p.m. Sunday) headline each evening.



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#### **WINNEMAC PARK**

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You can't exactly drag your

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# PICNIC Quick pick-ups near 6 parks PAIRINGS

By Lisa Arnett | REDEYE

ome people call it a picnic; I call it the perfect excuse to drink wine and pig out on cheese and olives outside in the middle of the day. Either way, there's always the question of where to pick up pre-picnic provisions. So you don't end up stuck with Lunchables from the nearest convenience store, we've matched six picnic destinations with places to procure snacks nearby. Word of warning: Open alcohol is not allowed in Chicago Park District parks. (I don't make the rules, but it's my job to tell you about them.) Booze is permitted at Ravinia and for most public performances at Jay Pritzker Pavilion and the Great Lawn at Millennium Park. LMARNETT@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEEATDRINK

#### **Wicker Park**

Stop by Chop Shop (2033 W. North Ave. 773-537-4440) and head straight to the deli counter to browse grab-and-go sandwiches (\$7-\$11 each) as well as pre-made dips and salads. If you've got a few mouths to feed and are planning in advance, call 24 hours ahead of time to order the picnic to-go package, which includes an antipasto platter, breads from Red Hen, pasta salad and your choice of select six-packs of beer or bottles of wine (\$40; feeds 4-6).

#### **Promontory Point Park**

Pick up baguette sandwiches (\$6.95) to-go at Hyde Park cafe Plein Air (5751 S. Woodlawn Ave. 773-966-7531) on your way over to the lakefront. Options include prosciutto with manchego cheese and fig jam or goat cheese with sweet peppers, and both include a side salad with the dressing packaged separately for easy traveling.

#### **Ravinia**

Myriad options abound at Chicago French Market (131 N. Clinton St. 312-575-0306) inside Ogilvie Transportation Center; just make sure to allow extra time to wait in line before catching a Metra Union Pacific North Line train to Ravinia Park. Little Goat Bread packs up seriously tasty made-to-order sandwiches, Wisma stocks pre-packaged salads and snacks, and Pastoral is your one-stop-shop for wine, beer, olives, cheeses, baguette sammies and more.

#### Millennium Park

Before setting up camp for Downtown Sound or the Millennium Park Summer Film Series, design your own picnic box (\$12.95) at Toni Patisserie (65 E. Washington St. 312-726-2020). Pick an entree (choose from six baguette sandwiches or two salads), side (chips, fruit cup or side salad) and dessert (brownie, shortbread cookies, macarons or chocolate-chip cookie). For multiple boxes or to avoid a wait, call ahead. Also nearby, the Loop location of gourmet cheese and wine shop Pastoral (53 E. Lake St. 312-658-1250) offers curated picnic spreads (\$39.99-\$69.99); download a picnic menu and order online at **pastoralartisan.com**.

#### **Lincoln Park**

Plan your picnic time strategically for the chance to choose from ready-to-eat goodies at Green City Market (7 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1790 N. Clark St.). Look for wood-fired pizzas from The Nomad Food

Company, sandwiches from Cookies and Carnitas (Saturdays only), salami and soppressata from Underground Meats (Saturdays only) and pastries from Verzenay, just to name a few options. Find a full vendor list online:

greencitymarket.org.



#### **Brands Park**

Though the July 2 pre-order deadline for the Fourth of July picnic pack at Honey Butter Fried Chicken (3361 N. Elston Ave. 773-478-4000) has passed, the good news is that the Avondale restaurant is extending the offer for the rest of the summer. Call at least 24 hours ahead of time to reserve your picnic meal (\$45 for eight pieces of fried chicken, corn muffins with honey butter and seasonal side dishes) and take it to Brands, a small park with ball-fields and plenty of shade.



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6:15pm - Jamie Lono & Noble Heart

8:30pm - Cowboy Mouth

#### Sunday, July 6

12:15pm - The Rave

2:00pm - Crush on Radio

3:30pm - Vintage Blue

5:00pm - The Brothers StarRace

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6:45pm - Trippin Billies



















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### NIGHTCRAWLERS

This weekend we scoped out the newest addition to Boystown, Chloe's, a club located in the former Spin space. We made some Pride-partying friends while checking out the beer garden.



#### Estevan Acevedo 24, philosopher

#### What brings you out tonight?

Celebrating Pride. We've got strength in numbers. The more people we have out here, the more we are heard.

Is this your final destination of the night or are you going anywhere else?

No, I'm going to go hang out with my friends,

drink, probably go to a party and just chill out, I actually drove a pretty long way to get here. I'm from Arizona, here visiting my boyfriend. So you're in the infamous long-distance relationship. How is that working? It's good. It can be hard, but it's really just like any other relationship, just 2,000 miles away.



#### Liz Miles

24, makeup artist

What are you drinking tonight and why? I'm drinking a 7 and 7. It's my favorite. What's your go-to spot for a view of the Pride Parade?

Probably at the corner of Belmont and Halsted. It's easy to get to and has easy access to the bars. If you were stuck on a fabulous desert island with one Chicago drag queen, who would it be?

Ruby Dee, She's my favorite!



#### **Deirdre Myers**

23, grad student

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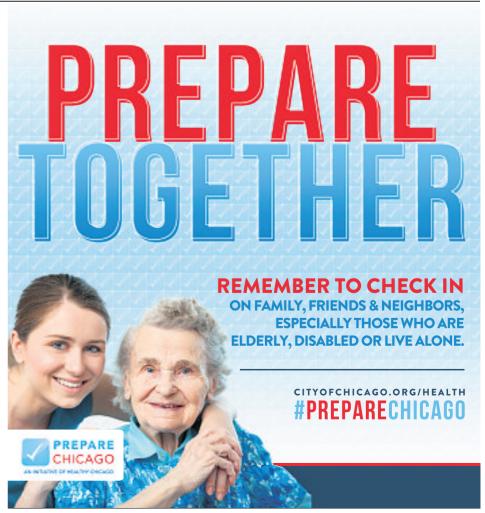




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#### Flank steak

**AKA**: London broil, jiffy steak. Boneless. Marinate before cooking; slice across the grain. **Section**: flank



#### **Top sirloin**

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#### **Porterhouse**

The T-bone's neighbor. Sports a much larger tenderloin attached to the central bone. **Section:** short loin



#### **Flat iron**

**AKA**: Shoulder top blade steak. Boneless and cut from the shoulder clod top blade roast, each steak averages 8 ounces, with a thickness varying from ¾ to 1¼ inches. **Section**: chuck

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# The man behind the legend

#### Chaz Ebert and Steve James consider 'Life Itself'

By Matt Pais | REDEYE

Many, many people around the world have loved and supported the work of late film critic Roger Ebert. But, obviously, you won't find bigger champions of the Pulitzer Prize-winning, Urbana, Ill. native than Chaz Ebert, his wife of more than 20 years, and documentarian Steve James, one of several filmmakers (including Martin Scorsese) who credit Ebert's endorsement as a key factor in their careers. (In James' case, Ebert's praise for "Hoop Dreams" put the film on a national stage.)

That's part of the reason "Life Itself," James' acclaimed doc about Ebert's life that opens Friday, is worth commending for avoiding what could have been a softened, polished look at the world's most famous movie critic. Instead, in large part because Ebert wanted it this way, the film—which gets its title from Ebert's memoir of the same name—refuses to shy away from the iconic Chicagoan's time in the hospital in the final months of his life (he passed away in April 2013). It also includes less-than-perfect elements of his many years working and living in the city.

At the Peninsula Hotel, Chaz Ebert (who lives in Lincoln Park) and James (who lives in Oak Park) talked about the movie and the man. Watch video of the full interview at **redeye chicago.com**; below read an excerpt about a moment Roger Ebert wanted in the movie but his wife didn't—and something she wanted changed. **MPAIS@TRIBUNE.COM I @MATTPAIS** 

#### On what to include

Chaz Ebert: I didn't really want the medical procedure [involving the suction of Ebert's air passage] to be in there, for instance, because it was quite graphic. I saw it every day. So for me, it's something that I could take, but it was extended on the film and at first I didn't want [viewers] to see [him] having his airways cleared. Later in the film, I saw they made the right decision. Roger called Steve [James] in to shoot that when I was out of town because he knew I wouldn't want to have it seen on the screen, but it actually makes the film better. People knew that Roger had a struggle, had it difficult after all the surgeries. People had no idea how difficult it was for him on a daily basis.

#### Her reaction when she came back into town

**CE:** I just said, "This is a film Roger wants made." When you have a husband as strong-willed as Roger and someone who has such a good sense of what's cinematic and what isn't, you don't argue with him. You just say, "OK."

Steve James: I knew that Chaz didn't want us to film that because we had been there for a pre-production meeting right before we started shooting when he needed to have his air passage cleared and she'd asked us to leave. And of course I'll never forget Roger's reaction in the meeting which was, "Why? Why are you making 'em leave?" They could communicate with just gestures.

I'm sure after I pulled the camera down, I



Roger Ebert in a photo from "Life Itself"

realized after filming it why she really didn't want us to see it. ... I think he saw the look on my face of guilt because I think that's why he sent me the email that I got when I got home that said, "Great stuff!!! I'm so glad we got something today that nobody sees: suction." He knew that I was feeling [uneasy], and he wanted to let me know right then and there—this was at the very beginning of our filming—that, "I want this. This is important. And this is the kind of filming and the kind of film it should be."

That is so rare for any subject to take that point of view in a film about themselves. But it's especially rare with someone in that situation. And then on top of it to be someone



Roger Ebert's widow, Chaz Ebert (left), and director Steve James LENNY GILMORE/REDEVE

who's famous like Roger, because usually famous people have a different definition of what candid and honest is.

CE: He wanted to go as far as he could go and be as honest. He liked gritty stuff. He liked happy stuff too, but Roger liked seeing things stripped down to the bare essentials. Who are we at our core? Who are we when everything that we know and take for granted is taken from us, and how do we survive that? He thinks that that's how his heart talks to your heart. He is us. He's not this icon. He is us.

#### Something Chaz wanted changed

**SJ:** Early on, Roger's bar mates and colleagues talk about how he had the worst taste in women. One of the things

Chaz said was, "OK, I understand why that's gotta be in the movie, but can you somehow make a distinction between him then and now?" And she was right, she was absolutely right. So we went back and inserted where Bruce Elliot says about these women that [it was] "back then" in the bars or something to that effect. So you understand that this was an early Roger thing, not a later Roger thing. And that's a small thing, but it is significant.

CE: And just for the record, I've known some of Roger's girlfriends. Not all the

ce: And just for the record, I've known some of Roger's girlfriends. Not all the very early ones. The ones I knew were not psychos or gold diggers.

SJ: Although the one I did meet—and I don't know her name so I can't share it anyway—I wouldn't say she was a psycho or a gold digger, but she was rather strange.



### **Passion in syndication**



Matt

n mpals@ tribune.com As a Chicago film critic and fellow University of Illinois at Urbara-Champaign alumnus, it goes without saying that my review of "Life Itself," acclaimed documentarian Steve James' ("Hoop Dreams") movie about Roger Ebert's life that shares a title with

the late film critic's memoir, could never be unbiased. That the documentary about this man features a Chicagoan picking up a copy of RedEye featuring Ebert on the cover and my column about him inside is almost more than I can handle.

Of course I didn't always agree with him. Journalists, and particularly critics, can be, in Ebert's own words, "tactless, egotistical, merciless and a showboat." But Ebert's influence went beyond opinion, and "Life Itself" will never be regarded solely as a story about movies.

Five months before Ehert's death in April 2013, James met with him to discuss making a film. The next day, the critic, who hadn't spoken, eaten or drank since his 2006 surgery for thyroid cancer, went into the hospital and learned he had a hairline fracture of the femur. "Life Itself" features much footage of Ebert in a hospital bed or at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. He wanted this. "I'm happy we got a great thing that nobody ever sees: suction!" Ebert emailed James after the filmmaker captured footage of a procedure not often seen in



Life Itself

movies. Later, when Ebert's cancer metastasized, he told James that despite Ebert's wife Chaz's discomfort with sharing the news, "It would be a major lapse to have a documentary that doesn't contain the full reality."

How wonderful for a documentary to put such value in honesty. For the first time, Chaz reveals that she and her husband met in an AA meeting. The film also features a moment on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson" when Ebert pans "Three Amigos" even though Chevy Chase is sitting right next to him. The on-set "Siskel and Ebert" bickering and competition is the stuff of legend, even when the cameras weren't rolling. The two icons for film criticism collided under an umbrella of ego and resentment, respect and love, and James shows how Siskel's handling of terminal cancer influenced Ebert's own, slower departure.

Mild omissions: There's more to examine about the notion of a possible conflict of interest when a critic befriends an artist. "Life Itself" doesn't really get a perspective on that from Ebert, who became close to filmmakers including Martin Scorsese and Ramin Bahrani. (This also may factor into the docitself, as James likely didn't want to do too much with statements about Ebert's saltier days.) The film also could have made more of Ebert's astonishingly prolific blogging once he embraced that outlet for his voice.

These are small complaints. "Life Itself is full of courage but not afraid of weakness. It shows how with only two choices, it seems so easy for a movie to get a thumbs up, or for someone in pain to give one. It isn't.



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#### **Matt Pais**

Though it sounds like a metal band. "Snowpiercer" is a riveting sci-fi adventure only a few steps down from "Dark City" or "Children of Men." It pummels

forward like the train on which the action is set, and you don't particularly want to reach the end

It's 2031, 17 years after some bonehead thought an artificial cooling substance would cure global warming. Unfortunately, said bonehead failed to anticipate that the product would freeze the whole planet and wipe out all civilization not on a train set up to run across the globe. That unescapable vessel long has been forcefully compartmentalized by class. The unlucky passengers at the end exist in abysmal conditions, suppressed by leaders like Mason (an excellently odd but never cartoonish Tilda Swinton) who insist everyone must occupy their "pre-ordained, particular position."



**Snowpiercer** 

Curtis (a very good Chris Evans) has had enough, particularly considering the disgusting protein block provided as the only food and the upper class' fondness for kidnapping children. The revolt is on (with assistance from Jamie Bell and Octavia Spencer). This requires a certain degree of planning and an abundance of nerve from oppressed folks trying to storm the powers that be with a startling quantity of axes.

Sometimes quite funny, the English-language debut from South Korean director/cowriter Bong Joon-ho (2006's monster bash "The Host") obviously exists as more than a literally nonstop battle. The filmmaker nods to many topical notions of economic disparities, abuses of leadership, propaganda and genocide but handles them with a steady hand. Like the unauthorized, near-futuristic sequel to the horrendous "Noah," "Snow-



piercer" shows the rebirth of civilization as a return to the terrible lessons we should have put behind us, while history is remembered only through storytelling and drawings. Not until Joon-ho strains to reveal multiple secrets in a short span of time is he tripped up by the sheer quantity of characters and messages, lingering a little too long with an ending that goes soft.

Otherwise the movie's a lit fuse, almost

like a post-apocalyptic "Wizard of Oz" mixed with an inverted "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," focused on everyone who didn't get a golden ticket. (Please ignore any temptation to make comparisons to "Under Siege 2.") It's also the year's third impressive movie featuring a train, following "The Grand Budapest Hotel" and, in an unforgettable, hammer-focused sequence, "The Raid 2." Coincidence? Yes. Problem? No.

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■The Fault in Our Stars (PG-13) 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:15

■Maleficent (PG) 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00

■Radio Free Albemuth (R) 8:00, 10:10

■The Warriors (R) 10:30

■X-Men: Davs of Future Past (PG-13) 2:25, 7:20

#### RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street, Chicago

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#### **WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)**

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■Maleficent (PG) (Closed caption) 10:50, 2:20, 4:50
■X-Men: Days of Future Past (PG-13) (Closed caption) 7:30, 10:35

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #1646

■The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) D 9:30
■Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13) ★ D 12:45, 8:25
■Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13) ★ D 11:45, 3:35,

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X-Men: Days of Future Past 3D (PG-13) (Closed caption) 9:00

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■Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13) (Closed caption) 4:50, 7:40
■Begin Again (R) ★ 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
■Think Like a Man Too (PG-13) ★ (Closed caption) 1:40, 4:20, 7:46 6:20

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■Earth to Echo (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 1:20, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20

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4779 W. Cerrnak., Cicero (800) 326-3264 #1644

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■X-Men: Days of Future Past (PG-13) D 10.40, 7:40

■How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) D 5:15, 6:45, 10:00

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■How to Train Your Dragon 2 3D (PG) 10:30, 1:50

■Earth to Echo (PG) ★ D 10:00, 2:15, 6:45, 9:45

■Think Like a Man Too (PG-13) D 10:15, 12:10, 4:00, 8:10, 11:05

■22 Jump Street (R) D 11:40, 1:10, 5:20, 8:15, 11:00

■Tammy (R) D 10:45, 11:45, 1:40, 2:45, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:20, 10:30, 10:30, 5:00, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 10:30, 11:00

■The Fault in Our Stars (PG-13) D 4:20

■Transformers: Age of Extinction 3D (PG-13) 10:10, 11:30, 12:26, 11:5, 4:05, 7:30, 8:00, 10:40, 11:15

#### OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC) 1022 Lake Street, Oak Park (630) 444-FILM #560

#### **EVANSTON**

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4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago (773) 784-0893 #22 Jump Street (R) \* 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10 Earth to Echo (PG) 12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30 | Tammy (R) \* 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45 | Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13) \* 12:15, 3:30, 6:45, 10:00

**GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER** 164 State Street (312) 846-2800

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he Internet's Own Boy: The Story of Aaron Swartz (NR) 6:00, 8:00

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#### **TODAY IN THE YEAR...**

1971: Singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris; he was 27.

1986: The torch was relighted atop the renovated Statue of Liberty.

2003: The U.S. placed a \$25 million bounty on Saddam Hussein.

2009: Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate, abruptly announced she would step down as governor more than a year before the end of her term.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

#### ACROSS

- Ponder TV's "Green \_" Dog food brand
- up: become happy
- again Work hard

- Work hard Misfortunes Isolate for health reasons Prepare Easter eggs Throw with force Requests for more slop
- Series of links

- Miscalculate Sharp reply Affirm as true Hatred Type of pine tree Cauldron

- 34 Cauldron
  36 Skunk's defense
  37 Small bony fish
  38 Tahoe or Erie
  39 Swim , diver's flipper
  40 Popular salad dressing
  41 Interwoven
  42 School compositions
  44 Crows' cousins
  5 and hers
  64 Soft drinks
  47 Danger
  50 Mineral springs
  51 "If1 a Hammer"
  54 Exaggerates
  57 Ceremony
  58 Mountaintop Small bony fish
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  Once \_ a time..."
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- Choices Koch & Bradley
- Declare not guilty Make butter
- Not phony Suffix for profit or command
- Mrs. in Mexico Clothing

- 11 Cut of pork 12 In the \_; healthy
- 32 Camera's eye
  33 St. Joan of
  35 Knight and Kennedy
  37 Gives money to
  38 Molten rock
  40 Train tracks
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  irresponsible
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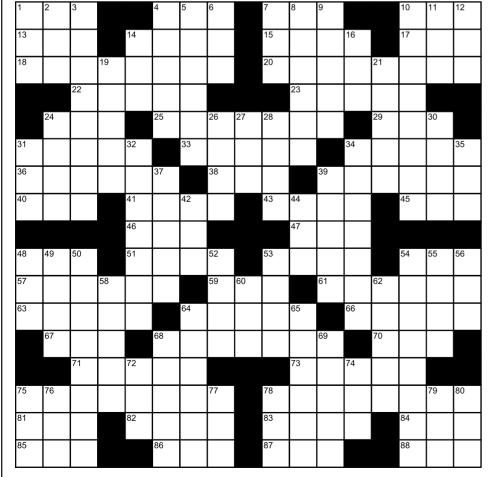
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48 Get \_, take revenge
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- 56 "\_\_Maria" 57 Regret

#### **ADVERTISEMENT ADVERTISEMENT**



#### **ACROSS**

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- Kimono sash 7 Farming club (abbr.)
- 10 Command
- 13 Rodent
- 14 Tiff
- 15 Eruct
- 17 Card game
- 18 Jumping board game
- Newly appointed
- 22 Large African animal,
- for short 23 Asian country
- 24 Bullfight cheer
- 25 Inhaled
- 29 Storage devices
- 31 Imitative
- 33 Alps singing
- 34 Transparent
- 36 Type of insurance 38 Ashen
- 39 British Floor
- 40 Microgram (abbr.)
- Capital of Peru
- 43 British "natural dam" 45 Compass point
- 46 Farm Credit
- Administration (abbr.)
- 47 Lubricant
- 48 Expression of surprise 51 Testamentary device
- **53** Coal, e.g.
- 54 Horse command:
- "To the right!" Reiterate
- 59 Malady
- 61 Biblical wife of Jacob
- 63 Spanish "casarse"
- Take off the lid

#### 66 Kingdom

- 67 Directory (abbr.) Sap (2 wds.) 68
- System impacted by
- Parkinson's disease (abbr.)
- Type of snake
- 73 Social Abbreviates 75
- Italian subculture 78 member
- 81 Finance: and call
- 82 Measure of production
- Account (abbr.) 83
- Wing (In Latin) 84
- 85 Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
- Decameter (abbr.)
- Congressional vote 87
- 88 Pinch

#### DOWN

- Bow
- 2 Morse code "T"
- 3 Grade of silver
- 4 Unfurls 5 Baron's domain
- 6 That (possessive) 7 Federal Bureau of
- Investigation (abbr.)
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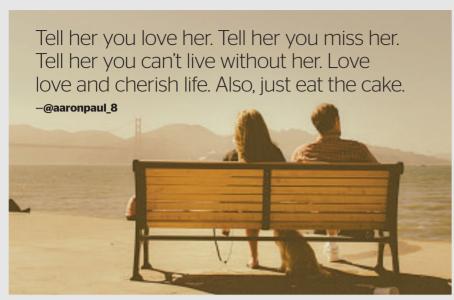
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# Words of wisdom

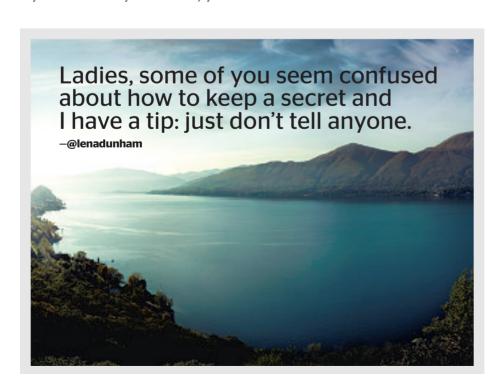
### Are these celebs more than just a pretty face?

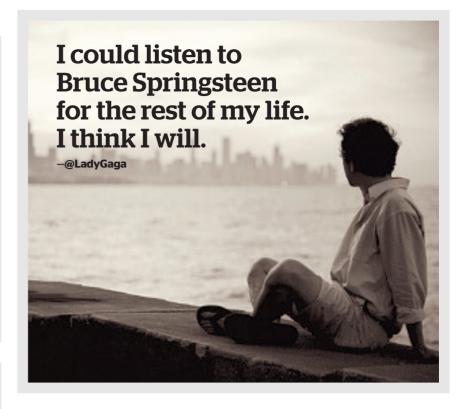
By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Well, folks, it appears the celebrities have started their Fourth of July vacations early—there's barely a scandal to be found out there. Good for them! But



that doesn't mean they've been leaving their Twitter accounts alone. We created some inspirational posters from some of their best tweets in case you need inspiration to plow through to your own three-day weekend. Enjoy! DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA











Still the fairest of them Stand aside, What's-Her-Name

from "Frozen." Amy Adams may be returning to Giselle's shoes in a sequel to Disney's 2007 live-action hit, "Enchanted," deadline.com reports. Original cast members, including Adams, Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden and Idina Menzel. have yet to be confirmed as stars, but hopefully their stories have remained just as happily-ever-after.



#### Think ink

Kelly Osbourne has a new tattoo, and we'll give you three guesses where it is. Give up? Her scalp. The E! host tweeted a pic of her "Stories..." ink this weekend, then shared her reasoning for the new design on "Live with Kelly and Michael." "I don't want to wake up every day and look the same," she said. "I'm the kind of person that will go out of their way to purposely make themself look different," she said. Success!



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Benedict Cumberbatch fans, rejoice! The creators of "Sherlock" have confirmed that BBC One hit will be back for a fourth, three-episode series in 2015, kicked off by a special to be filmed in January. Yes, Holmes and Watson's antics are far from their return, but at least we're getting a little something extra this time around.



It's my most capable-looking outfit! Literally every woman between the age of 14 and 35 has dreamed of owning Cher Horowitz's closet

and outfit-selection software from "Clueless." Well, guess freakin' what. British shopping site Metail has created a Cher-inspired online fitting room that allows users to input their personal data, then try on the movie's costumes, including the yellow plaid getup. This is clearly

the best way to avoid an accidental Amber copycat situation.



Benedict

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#### Only in nightmares

Weezer is playing its entire first album at Riot Fest this year, which can only mean

one thing-a new release is on the horizon. The band revealed the cover of "Everything Will Be Alright In The End" via a teaser trailer Wednesday, along with a new song titled "My Mystery," mtv.com reports. A release date has yet to be announced, but this cover art suggests the album is not for children.



**THE QUOTE** Oh, I hope so! I don't know if there will be a part for me, but I hope so. She's so fun to work with.

-"Orange Is the New Black" star Kimiko Glenn, to Vulture, on whether she'll be quest-starring on "Girls" next season. (To clarify, Glenn appeared in a music video that was directed by Lena Dunham.)

#### **THE DIGIT**

\$600M

That's how much money "Maleficent" has made in the global box office after only five weeks, thr.com reports. That makes it the No. 4 title of the year so far; "X-Men: Days of Future Past" has hauled in \$713.9 million.